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Comment on BLM Programmatic EIS for
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Mr. Brian Amme
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Dear Mr. Amme,

You MUST select Option 3 (C) in your weed management EIS. Must I remind you that this is land owned by the public? Because of the deadly, toxic results when coming in contact with pesticides I do not ever even let 1 drop anywhere near my property. I have kid and pets and don't want them killed.

We recreate on public land "managed" by the BLM. I pay your salary with my taxes and I demand that you treat the land right.

I am aware of how noxious weeds are spread. I spent 30 years working for the US Forest Service. I also know that once a noxious weed becomes established, it crowds out the native plants. I do not want this to happen, but you have failed to seriously consider the following methods that will both slow down the noxious weed spread and kill them where they are already established:

1) Hand pull them. This is very effective. I know, I have done it. We used a small gas-powered auger to break-up the soil around the root to assure we got every root from the ground.

2) If you really want to stop noxious weed spread to areas that are not yet affected, stop all livestock grazing in that area. Tell the rancher to go elsewhere. Even BLM biologists must know that cattle often carry noxious weed seeds in their hair.

Once again, let me make it clear that as an American citizen and taxpayer, I am opposed to the widespread use of pesticides on ANY and ALL public lands.

The aerial spraying of toxic pesticides is indiscriminate. There are risks not only to humans, but: non-targeted vegetation, and wildlife.

Many pesticides cause reproductive problems and birth defects, neurological problems, and many types of cancer.

Because of wind drift and the speed of the aircraft, aerial pesticide application should never be considered under any circumstances.

In nearly all cases of aerial pesticide application I have heard of, there were applications directly into the water and ensuing massive fish kills.

Once again, show the American people that the BLM really is responsive to the will of the public ... choose Option 3 (C).

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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